

## **COUNCIL DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE**

**Monday, February 28, 2005  
7:00 p.m.**

**Work Session Room 2-A - Hayward City Hall  
777 B Street  
Hayward, CA 94541**

Public Comments: (Note: For matters not otherwise listed on the agenda. The Committee welcomes under this section but is prohibited by State Law from discussing items not listed on the agenda. Your item will be taken under consideration and referred to staff.)

1. Left-Turn Pocket on Northbound Foothill Boulevard at "B" Street



## **CITY OF HAYWARD**

### **STAFF REPORT**

AGENDA DATE 02/28/05

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TO: City Council Downtown Committee

FROM: Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Left-Turn Pocket on Northbound Foothill Boulevard at B Street

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Downtown Committee review and comment on this report.

#### **DISCUSSION**

As part of the Cinema Project, the Council was presented plans reflecting a dedicated left-turn lane to be created on Foothill Boulevard between B and C Streets, in order to allow northbound left turns on Foothill Boulevard at B Street. Furthermore, it was proposed that an extended, right-turn lane be added in order to facilitate northbound right turns from Foothill Boulevard to A Street (see Exhibit A). The extended right turn lane is only critical during evening peak hours, thus requiring parking restrictions from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. These changes in the existing circulation pattern would provide for better traffic flow in the downtown area, and the left-turn lane would improve access not only to Cinema Place, but to other parts of downtown as well. Left turns are currently prohibited on Foothill Boulevard between A and D Streets, and there is a heavy volume of northbound right turns from Foothill Boulevard onto A Street, particularly during the evening peak hours. These two improvements were specifically identified in the Cinema Place environmental review.

One impact associated with this proposal will be the loss of 31 full-time and six PM peak-hour parking spaces along Foothill Boulevard between A Street and D Street. The six PM only parking restrictions are shown in green and the remainder in red on Exhibit A. It should be noted that the increase in parking with the expansion of Municipal Parking Lot #2 and the parking structure adjoining Cinema Place should help to compensate for the loss of parking on Foothill Boulevard. Also, the parking and striping changes for the extended right turn lane that is on A Street need not be implemented until the theater is actually open.

The project work will consist of modifications to the traffic signals at B Street and Foothill Boulevard, construction of a new, relocated concrete median, and revisions to the existing pavement markings. The estimated \$300,000 cost of the project is included in the 2004-05 Capital Improvement Program in the Street System Improvement Fund.

Staff first discussed this project with Caltrans over a year ago, and in early January of this year, staff submitted preliminary plans to Caltrans for approval. Caltrans responded and has substantially approved the proposed design; final approval from Caltrans for this project is expected to take approximately another two months. Council approval for advertisement is planned for June, and construction associated with the B Street left turn is anticipated to begin in August with completion in November.

Notices for this meeting were mailed to all property owners and businesses directly affected by the parking changes as well as those in the downtown who will benefit from the improved circulation.

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Exhibit A: Striping Plan and Parking Impacts